

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (Original) Apparatus for transmitting data to a plurality of data receiving stations, comprising:

means for transmitting said data in a common channel receivable by each of said receiving stations in a format comprising a plurality of frames;

means for receiving error correction request signals indicating selected ones of said frames from each of said receiving stations;

means for transmitting said selected frames to each of said receiving stations in response to said error correction request signals;

means for receiving a link request signal from an additional receiving station; and means for transmitting to the additional receiving station in response to said link request signal information indicating the sequence number of the latest transmitted frame.

Claim 18 (Original) A method of transmitting data to a plurality of data receiving stations, comprising:

transmitting said data in a common channel receivable by each of said receiving stations in a format comprising a plurality of frames;

receiving error correction request signals indicating selected ones of said frames from one or more of said receiving stations; and

retransmitting said selected frames to said receiving stations, the method further comprising receiving a link request signal from an additional receiving station, and transmitting to the additional receiving station in response thereto information indicating the sequence number of the latest

transmitted frame.

Claims 19-24 (Canceled)

Claim 25 (Original) Apparatus for receiving data from a broadcast station, comprising:
means for transmitting to said broadcast station a link request signal;
means for receiving from said broadcast station information indicating a current broadcast
sequence number; and means for receiving said data in a format comprising a sequence of frames.

Claim 26 (Original) A method of receiving data from a broadcast station, comprising:
transmitting a link request signal to said broadcast station;
receiving from said broadcast station information indicating a current frame number for said
data;

and receiving said data in a format comprising a sequence of frames.

Claims 27-34 (Canceled)